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Representative Questions on France, pursuant to telephone conversation.

1. What is the likelihood that the Council of the Republic will amend the London and Paris accords and return them to the Assembly?
2. How strong is MRP sentiment in favor of retaining Mendes-France in office until the London and Paris accords are ratified?
3. What is the thinking of the non-Communist political parties with respect to an electoral law for 1956. Specifically, what are the attitudes toward adoption of the "scrutin d'arrondissement" or the 1951 law?
4. What are the prospects for success of the Franco-Tunisian negotiations?
5. What effect do PCF demands for North Africa's independence have upon public attitudes toward the Party?
6. What is the general attitude of the public toward anti-Communist measures by the government?
7. Is the threat of thermo-nuclear war creating French attitudes markedly different from those already held regarding the necessity of avoiding "conventional" war?
8. What kind of position do the French people hope to maintain in Southeast Asia?

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